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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of **Yoshikazu TAKAMATSU, Hiromi TAKASAKI, Nobuo ICHIMURA**  
**JOINT FOR DUPLEX PIPES, METHOD OF BRAZING THE JOINT TO DUPLEX PIPE, AND AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE**  
Assignee: **CALSONIC KANSEI CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: **Q80302**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/790,716 (Confirmation No. 7681) filed February 23, 2001 of **Yoshikazu TAKAMATSU, Hiromi TAKASAKI, and Nobuo ICHIMURA** entitled **JOINT FOR DUPLEX PIPES, METHOD OF BRAZING THE JOINT TO DUPLEX PIPE, AND AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE**.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 16 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3743.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/790,716 filed February 23, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-047528	February 24, 2000
Japan	2000-096497	March 31, 2000
Japan	2001-030055	February 6, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/790,716.



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Total claims	<u>15</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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